

KAMLOOPS THOMPSON TRAILS ALLIANCE AGM

HOTEL 540, MOUNT PAUL ROOM

DECEMBER 18 2017 – MEETING MINUTES

Present – Richard Doucette, Al Michel, Ken Lipinsky, Verne Sundstrom (Trails Alliance), Catharine Pendrel, Keith Wilson (KBRA), Greg Blackburn (BC Parks).

Absent - RSTBC, Overlander Ski Club, Kamloops Hiking Club, Back Country Horsemen, Ridge Runners, Sun Peaks.

Call to Order - 7.17 pm.

Agenda – Reviewed & adopted as distributed. Moved Verne, seconded Al, carried.

Previous AGM Minutes – Reviewed & approved as circulated. Moved Verne, seconded Ken, carried.

Presidents Report – Rich gave a brief overview of our activities in 2017 & stressed the need for greater co-operation between member organizations. A good example of this was the joint hike between the Kamloops Hiking Club and the Kamloops Outdoor Club to celebrate Canada 150 on July 1st.

Treasurers Report – Ken circulated the current balance sheet and explained the income and expenditures. He also reported that we may be able to get free banking services from Interior Savings Credit Union if we qualify. A motion instructing Ken to pursue this matter was moved by Rich, seconded by Al, carried. Ken also reported that the books and financial statement had been independently reviewed by Karen Willies, former Treasurer of the KOC.

Committee Reports – Al reported on our annual trail maintenance of the Grasslands Community Trail, the Dewdrop Trail and the Battle Bluff trail for BC Parks. As in past years we also worked on the Bushwhacker Trail at Stake Lake. We found that much of the work had already been done on this trail by the KBRA, but we had not been aware of this. He also brought us up to date on our ongoing key project at Isobel Lake and advised that it should finally be completed next year with approximately 20 days (320 mh) of work remaining.

Member Group Reports – Kamloops Bike Riders Association. Catharine reported that the KBRA has been very active developing new trails. In addition to the trails in Lac du Bois Park, they have been working on the Stake Lake Stomp Trail. This 60 km trail had fallen into disuse but is now being rejuvenated by the Club in preparation for a major event, July 07 next year. The above activities has been funded by the Parks Enhancement Fund and the Kamloops Blazers foundation.

BC Parks – Greg Blackburn, the new Senior Ranger for the Grasslands Region reported that a number of initiatives were ongoing. Most importantly, Parks has been ditching along Frederick Road & Lac du Bois Road to discourage the unauthorised entry of ORVs in the grasslands. Greg said that he is facing a steep learning curve in his new

position.

New Business – Rich circulated copies of the Societies Act new bylaws. Various changes were explained by Rich so that the Trails Alliance would be in compliance as required by the new Act. It was moved by Catharine, seconded by Keith that these changes be accepted as proposed. Motion carried.

Topics for Discussion – Grand Opening Ceremony of Isobel Lake Trail. With this project nearing completion, a discussion was held to determine a suitable date for this event. It was decided that a Friday in June when most of the invited VIP's could attend would be best. Rich will arrive at a suitable date which will be ratified at a special meeting in March, 2018. Grasslands Trail & KBRA – The KBRA indicated that they have approached BC Parks regarding the use & maintenance of this trail for mountain bikes. A comprehensive discussion ensued with Rich explaining the history of trail use and various concerns were expressed. These centred around erosion, inadequate signage & the need for some upgrading on the lower half of the trail. The totally inadequate parking situation at the Ida Lane Trail Head was also discussed with a view to arrange a meeting involving all stake holders (City of Kamloops Parks & Rec, BC Parks, Trails Alliance, KBRA etc.) sometime soon.

Chainsaw Training – KBRA said they would like to qualify some members for chainsaw use through an approved safety course but would like to have a few more interested participants to reduce the per person cost. Al will advise Catharine of the details of the course offered by Jack Verschoeer.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9.12 pm.

Minutes submitted by Al Michel, Acting Secretary, KTTA. December 19, 2017.